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RE: Enclosed Final Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/620,685
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Our Reference No.: NIS.060

Dear Examiner Le,

Enclosed for filing is an Final Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Office Action mailed on August 14, 2007, in the above-referenced application, which is believed to place of the application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 14, 2007, please consider the
Amendment in the above-identified application as follows: